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Mayor Dixon and Transit Administrator Wiedefeld to Promote Biking and Transit Use for Commuting

*'Ride with the Mayor' to Link Light Rail with Central Baltimore Neighborhoods;
New Bike Racks Being Added Downtown and in Commercial Districts*

Continuing her push to have more City residents ride their bicycle to work, Mayor Sheila Dixon and Maryland Transit Administrator Paul Wiedefeld will lead a group of City employees and members of the Mayor's Bicycle Advisory Committee on a combined transit and bicycling tour of central Baltimore today. The tour left City Hall at 6:30 AM and boarded a northbound Light Rail train at approximately 6:45 AM to University of Baltimore/Mt. Royal. The group then pedaled through Charles Village, Barclay, Coldstream-Homestead-Montebello and Oliver before returning downtown.

"As we continue to grow and develop our Citywide Bicycle Network, residents and visitors can go more places when they leave their car at home and ride their bike and use MTA," said Mayor Dixon. The construction of the Collegetown portion of the Citywide Bicycle Network is expected to be constructed this Fall. Mayor Dixon also announced that the Department of Transportation is installing more than 65 new bicycle racks in downtown Baltimore and in neighborhood commercial districts such as Charles Village, Hampden, and Fells Point. This will include decorative racks special to the Inner-Harbor.

"Riding your bike to and from a Light Rail Station is a great way to extend the reach of our transit network and it helps our region to meet its goals of reducing congestion and improving air quality," said MTA Administrator Paul Wiedefeld. Bicycles are permitted on all of MTA's modes, including the MARC Train system. Specific rules relating to safety and overcrowding do apply. For more information on MTA's bicycle policies, see

http://www.mtmaryland.com/resources/bikesonmta/MTA_Bike_Brochure.pdf

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